

Washington State Board of Education (SBE) Staff

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Edie Harding

Executive Director

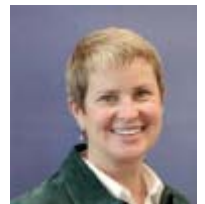


Edie joined SBE in 2006. Previously she was the director of government relations and policy at The Evergreen State College. She has also worked as project manager for education research with the Washington State Institute for Public Policy, a fiscal analyst with Washington Legislature, and as a Presidential Management Intern at the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services. She served on the Olympia School Board for six years.

Kathe Taylor, Ph.D.

Policy Director

Kathe Taylor joined SBE in 2007. She has worked in education for 30 years in teaching, administration, and state policy. She is the co-author of the book, *Children at the Center: A Workshop Approach to Standardized Test Preparation*. She earned her Ph.D. in Education from the University of Maryland. In her spare time she plays Irish and old-time fiddle.



Brad Burnham

Policy and Legislative Specialist



Brad joined SBE in 2007. He has taught and written about science topics for 16 years. He has been an instructor at museums, aquariums, and nature centers; a lecturer at a community college, and an author of children's books. He previously worked at The Evergreen State College in the GEAR UP program, helping middle and high school students learn about and get ready for college.

Sarah Rich

Research Director

Sarah joined SBE in 2010, as a research specialist - an instrumental task essential to shaping the Board's continuing work on its five initiatives. Before joining SBE, Sarah served as the Reading First Director at the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.



Loy McColm

Executive Assistant



Loy joined SBE in 2007. Prior, she held lead administrative support positions, including Executive Assistant to the Secretary at the Department of Corrections for 10 years. Loy was also a small business owner in Olympia for 15 years.

Ashley Harris

Administrative Assistant 3

Ashley joined SBE in 2007. Prior to SBE, she served four years in the U.S. Army as a Medical Logistics Specialist. She went to basic training in Ft. Jackson, SC and then completed her AIT training in Ft. Sam Houston, TX. Her duty stations included Korea, Qatar, and Washington State.

Aaron Wyatt

Communications Manager



Aaron joined SBE in 2009 as a communications manager. In 2008, Aaron worked for the Office of the Secretary of State as a voter education and outreach coordinator. From 1996 to 2008, Aaron worked as a high school English teacher. He enjoys spending time with his family, working in his shop, playing with all things technology, and fishing with friends.